



# **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

### NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.T.E.06-37

Petition of New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 72, for a determination that a proposed 115 kV transmission line in the Towns of Uxbridge and Northbridge is necessary and will serve the public convenience and is consistent with the public interest.

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The petitioner, New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid ("NEP" or "Company") requests a determination from the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 72, that a proposed 115 kV overhead electric transmission tap line in the Towns of Uxbridge and Northbridge, approximately 1.3 miles in length, is necessary and will serve the public convenience and is consistent with the public interest.

NEP proposes to construct a 115 kV transmission tap line within an existing 200-foot wide right of way which currently contains a single 115 kV tap line. The right of way runs between the Company's Whitins Pond substation, off of Castle Hill Road in Northbridge, across Sutton Road and Rawson Road in Uxbridge, and then intersects with another existing 115 kV transmission corridor approximately 1000 feet west of Rawson Road. The new transmission line would be approximately 1.3 miles in length. It would be located approximately 40 feet northwest of and parallel to the existing 115 kV tap line in the right of way. The new transmission line would be supported by single pole structures ranging in height from 60 to 80 feet above grade. The average cleared width of the 200-foot wide right of way would increase from approximately 115 feet to approximately 155 feet.

**The Department will conduct a public hearing on the Company's petition at Northbridge Town Hall, 7 main Street, Whitinsville, Massachusetts, on Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. to receive public comment and to allow responses by NEP to questions about the Company's proposed electric transmission line.**

Any person who desires to submit written comments on this petition may do so by filing an original and five (5) copies of such comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.), on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, with: Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of

Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Boston, MA, 02110. A copy of such comments also must be filed with counsel for the Company, Paige Graening, Esq., National Grid, 25 Research Drive, Westborough, MA 01582.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition to intervene or to participate in the proceeding with: Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Wednesday, June 21, 2006. A petition to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1). Receipt by the Department– not mailing or postmark– constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition filed pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

Petitions to intervene also should be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to [dte.efiling@state.ma.us](mailto:dte.efiling@state.ma.us); or (2) on a 3.5" disk, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.T.E. 06-37); (2) name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either Word Perfect (naming the document with a ".wpd" suffix), in Microsoft Word (naming the document with an ".doc" suffix), or as an Adobe PDF file (naming the document with a ".pdf" suffix). Data or spread sheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All written pleadings or comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Website, <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. A petition to intervene also should be filed with counsel for the Company, Paige Graening, Esq., National Grid, 25 Research Drive, Westborough, MA 01582.

Copies of NEP's filing are available for public viewing during normal business hours (9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.) at the offices of the Department, One South Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts. Copies of NEP's filing also will be available for public viewing at the Whitinsville Social Library, 17 Church Street, Northbridge and the Uxbridge Free Public Library, 21 South Main Street, Uxbridge; the Uxbridge Town Clerk's office and the Northbridge Town Clerk's office; and NEP's offices at 25 Research Drive, Westborough, MA 01582, no later than fourteen (14) days before the public hearing. Any person desiring further information regarding this Notice may contact the Hearing Officer at the address or telephone number below:

M. Kathryn Sedor, Hearing Officer  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station

Boston, MA 02110  
617-305-3525

By Order of the Department,

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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary